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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Rock Island Arsenal is an active US Army facility located on a 946-acre island in the Mississippi River. Today, Rock Island Arsenal is our nation's largest government owned and operated arsenal that supports the National Defense Strategy by developing, prototyping, and manufacturing defense essential products. In addition, RIA provides integration and testing services, logistics and

base operations support to a diverse tenant population. RIA is on the National Register of Historic Places and is designated a National Historic Landmark.


As a federal agency, RIA is committed to abide by federal, state, and local laws and regulations aimed at preserving, conserving, and sustaining the environment. Therefore, it is to RIA's advantage to implement procedures into our daily activities and to seek continual improvements to maximize the effectiveness of RIA's Environmental Management System (EMS).

RIA shall refrain from treating mission and environmental compliance as adversary requirements that, during the course of normal operations, will compete for time, funds, and level of priority. We will do this simultaneously as the standard way in which we do every task. We shall think in terms of systems and processes. Environmental compliance and protection is not another task, but is part of the mission— *"Relevant, Ready, and Reliable"*.

In keeping with this policy, our objective as an installation is to reduce waste and achieve minimal adverse impact on the air, water, and land through excellence in environmental control. In providing these services and support, we are committed to:

- Preventing pollution by minimizing the generation of wastes and releases of pollutants.
- Maximizing recycling and reuse of materials to promote conservation of natural resources.
- Proactively communicating our environmental successes to regulators, other government agencies and our local community as appropriate.
- Assessing projects to ensure that potential environmental impacts are controlled appropriately.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of our environmental management system to ensure that established environmental objectives and targets are met.

All personnel are responsible for environmental protection and conservation in the same manner they are for safety and health. RIA is committed to continued excellence, leadership, and stewardship in protecting the environment.



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Want to know more?

Further information on many of our environmental activities is available at <https://home.ria.army.mil/apps/cms/>

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This environmental policy is also available at <http://www.ria.army.mil/bascops.htm>